

COUNTY OF KAUAI
Minutes of Meeting
OPEN SESSION

Board/Committee:		Committee on the Status of Women -Advisory Committee	Meeting Date:	November 18, 2015	
Location	Mo`ikeha Building – Meeting Room 2A/B		Start of Meeting: 5:00 p.m.	End of Meeting: 6:10 p.m.	
Present	Vice-Chair Virginia Beck; Members: Edie Ignacio-Neumiller; Liza Cabal-Trinidad, Kathy Crowell, Suzanne Ellis, Jenai Yoshii. Also present: Board & Commissions Office Staff: Support Clerk Mercedes Omo; Deputy County Attorney Mahealani Krafft; Members of the Public: Connie Rowe, Patricia Westinhauser, Erika Valente				
Excused	Chair Sharon Lasker, Regina Carvalho, Uli’i Castor				
Absent					

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Call To Order	Vice Chair Beck welcomed members of the public Connie Rowe, Patricia Westinhauser, and Erika Valente to the meeting.	Vice Chair Beck called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
Approval of Minutes	<p>Regular Open Session Minutes of October 21, 2015.</p> <p>In reference to page ten (10) of the meeting minutes regarding the discussion on the Career Day event, Ms. Ellis indicated that it was not her who said that the previous Career Day event took too long. Ms. Ellis indicated that she was not present at the last Career Day event, nor was she part of the Committee and that it was discussed by someone other than her.</p> <p>Vice Chair Beck stated that she thinks Savita may have brought it up or Jenai. Ms. Yoshii stated that she was not a member of the Committee at the time, and since being appointed to the Committee, she had a chance to meet with the school counselors to talk about the next Career Day event in which they expressed their concerns that the previous Career Day took a bit too long.</p> <p>In reference to page nine (9) of the meeting minutes, Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller stated let the minutes reflect that 2016 is the correct year and not 2015 as stated in the meeting minutes.</p>	

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	With no other amendments to the meeting minutes, Vice Chair Beck called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended, hearing no objections, the motion carried 6:0	Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 21, 2015 as amended. Ms. Cabal-Trinidad seconded the motion. Motion carried 6:0
General Discussion on the Committee's Budget for FY 2017	Ms. Omo explained that the purpose of the discussion is to inform the Committee on any changes that would affect the FY2017 budget. Vice Chair Beck noted that the issue will be addressed at the next meeting in December.	
Business CSW 2015-06	<p>Discussion and possible decision-making on future Committee events including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rise of the Wahine Film Event (On-going) <p>Vice Chair Beck stated that as of now, there are no funds to get the film off the ground in California. Ms. Cabal-Trinidad reported that she spoke to Nike's Marketing Director Kevin Day and was told that he is unable to make any commitments as of now. Vice Chair Beck reported that Administrative Assistant to Nike's CEO Heidi Smith said that she would review the materials, and then decide whether she should take the matter directly to the CEO or have someone in marketing address it.</p> <p>Ms. Yoshii stated that based on her knowledge, the film producers were hoping to release the film in the first Quarter of 2016. In addition, Ms. Yoshii stated that she gave the information to Gabrielle Reece's representative, but 'til today has not received a response.</p> <p>Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller asked Ms. Smith if she could explain to the members in the audience the Committee's purpose of wanting to bring the film to the community.</p>	

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	<p>Ms. Smith explained that the Rise of the Wahine documentary film is a feature-length sports documentary centered on a small band of unlikely pioneers in Hawai‘i who helped change women’s athletic opportunities in America. She further explained that a few years ago, the Committee was approached by the producers to screen a 90 minute trailer of the film and ask for help to sponsor an event in which the Committee did agree but has not been successful in fulling its endeavors as of yet.</p> <p>Vice Chair Beck added that the Committee wanted to support the film because it depicts perseverance that drove underdogs to birth Title IX which protects people from discrimination based on sex in educational programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance.</p> <p>Vice Chair Beck noted that unless someone else has more updates to provide she would move onto the next agenda item.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016 Career Day Event <p>Ms. Cabal-Trinidad reported that Penny Vess, Student Activities Coordinator for Kaua‘i High School is fine with the February 19th date. All she needs is an early reminder so she can obtain consent from the parents in timely manner. The conference room at the Kaua‘i Beach Resort is available on February 19th from 11 a.m. ‘til 3 p.m. The cost for the lunches will depend on the menu selection, which is inclusive of tax and gratuity. The cost to rent the room is \$200.00; cost to use the screen is \$31.25, which includes a 20% service charge and tax; the use of the podium is free.</p> <p>Ms. Cabal-Trinidad indicated that she would provide the projector if needed. Vice Chair Beck thanked Ms. Cabal-Trinidad for doing such a great job.</p>	

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	<p>Ms. Crowell asked if now would be an appropriate time to select the lunch menu to which Vice Chair Beck stated that she would like to hear more on what the school counselors had to say. Ms. Yoshii stated that she will be meeting with the Kapa‘a school counselors on December 2nd on another school project, but was told by the school counselors that anytime during the 1st quarter would be good because it would give the students time to ruminant on the Career Day. She added that she’s looking at January 16 as the day to send out the criteria and that she still needs to confirm the date with the school counselors.</p> <p>Vice Chair Beck stated that Island School and Waimea High School have both confirmed that they will be participating in next year’s Career Day event and from what she understands, the Charter School is definitely available.</p> <p>In regards to the venue selection, Vice Chair Beck called for a motion to select the Kaua‘i Beach Resort as the venue to hold the Career Day event.</p> <p>In regards to the criteria’s, Vice Chair Beck stated that the Committee had a minimum criteria list for the school counselors to follow. She stated that although one criteria mentioned girls from grades 9 - 12, the Committee did not want the top performing girls, but the girls who were not doing well, and who needed an extra push and a little bit of spark of inspiration to help them along the way. Vice Chair Beck stated that perhaps the principals and school counselors could get together to decide amongst themselves who they would like choose.</p>	<p>Ms. Cabal-Trinidad moved to select the Kauai Beach Resort as the venue to hold the 2016 Career Day Event. Ms. Ignacio-Nuemiller seconded. Motion carried 6:0</p>

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	<p>Vice Chair Beck stated that she has not done anything with the Rotary because she wants to finish her Powerpoint, however, she will have some slides on display at the YWCA Pink Expo event this weekend.</p> <p>Ms. Ellis stated that the Mokihana Club has indicated to her that they want to support the Committee by covering the cost for lunches for ten of the girls, which should not have any conflict with the Rotary. Ms. Ellis stated that the Mokihana Club have agreed to allow her to use their 501c3 status, but it will not be necessary for the handouts in reference to what was seen at Costco's.</p> <p>Vice Chair Beck stated that from what she understands, there were concerns over receiving goods of monetary value, unless the Committee gets Council's approval first. She asked what if it would help if the donations to cover the cost of the lunches goes directly to the venue to which Attorney Krafft explained that if it doesn't have anything to do individually as in your official capacity, it should be fine. However, there is an ethics issue the Committee should be aware of to which Vice Chair Beck asked what the Committee is bumping up against to which Attorney Krafft clarified that it's not just anything of monetary value; the ethics issue is a relationship between the party that wants to donate and the individual which in this case, the Committee wants to accept the donation. Vice Chair Beck questioned whether the Committee is in violation of soliciting donations from the Rotaries to cover the cost for the girls' lunches.</p> <p>Ms. Smith asked if it would be appropriate for the Committee to seek Council's approval for a blanket coverage (for a specific event) to accept monetary donations and or in-kind donations which will be going to the community and not to the Committee to which Attorney Krafft replied I would recommend it.</p>	

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	<p>Vice Chair Beck called for a motion to that effect.</p> <p>Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller asked the members if they wanted to select the speakers now or defer the selection to the next meeting. Vice Chair Beck shared that she and Ms. Ignacio-Nuemiller talked about inviting speakers with FTEAM careers. She stated that the Committee should consider inviting speakers with different ethnical backgrounds who the students can relate to and appreciate. Ms. Yoshii stated that she noticed on the previous list the speakers had either a financial or business background, and suggested someone with an educational background to which Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller mentioned that KCC Chancellor Helen Cox was invited, but she couldn't make it.</p> <p>After a lengthy discussion, the members decided to send their suggestions to Vice Chair Beck.</p> <p>Ms. Cabal-Trinidad suggested that relative to the breakout sessions, perhaps the Committee should consider inviting someone local who had the same type of background as the girls, but managed to become successful in her line of work; someone who the girls can relate to, rather than someone with a higher educational background who might intimidate</p>	<p>Ms. Ellis moved that the Committee seek a blanket approval from Council to receive directly or indirectly, any monetary donations and or in-kind donations (for a specific event), which will be going to the community and not to the Committee. Ms. Ignacio-Nuemiller seconded the motion. Motion carried 6:0</p> <p>Vice Chair Beck noted that she would draft the memo on behalf of the Committee for the County Attorney to review before it goes over to Council.</p>

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	<p>the girls.</p> <p>Vice Chair Beck stated that she has to disagree with her because the women that are on the list are successful and have great social skills, however, nothing has been set in stone and that her suggestion was well received.</p> <p>Ms. Crowell stated that she would like to make a motion to select the lunch menu. After a brief recap of the lunch menu, Vice Chair Beck called for a motion.</p> <p>With no further discussion, the Committee moved onto the next agenda item.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>2016 Women’s History Month</u> <p>After a lengthy discussion, the Committee decided that March 9th will be the night to hold the event. Ms. Ellis said she would check with the folks at the Kaua‘i Museum to see if the date is available. Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller noted that the Committee needs an hour to set-up, and asked those that are available to be at the venue at 4 p.m. to help set-up. Ms. Smith noted that as a suggestion, the program could start at 5 and end at 6:30 p.m. to which Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller agreed.</p> <p>Vice Chair Beck shared that both she and Ms. Ignacio-Nuemiller pondered on the idea of having some of the island’s local women like Barbara Bulatao Franklin to share their history to make it relevant for the community, as well as the younger generation. Ms. Cabal-Trinidad suggested Josephine Duvachelle. Vice Chair Beck stated that she would like to see some of the old Japanese and Chinese immigrants and perhaps have shorter presentations to get a glimpse of history.</p>	<p>Ms. Crowell moved to select the “Wrap it Up” lunch menu. Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller seconded the motion. Motion carried 6:0</p>

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	<p>Vice Chair Beck said that she will be sending out her list of speakers for the Career Day and at the same time, she is also going to put out a request for speaker nominations for Women’s History month.</p> <p>With no further discussion, the Committee moved on to the next agenda item.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>2016 April Equal Pay Day for Women event</u> <p>Vice Chair Beck called for a motion to defer the item to the meeting in December.</p>	<p>Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller moved to defer the discussion on the equal pay day for women to the December meeting. Ms. Cabal-Trinidad seconded the motion. Motion carried 6:0</p>
<p>CSW 2015-07</p>	<p><u>Report from HSCSW Kaua‘i Representative Lisa Ellen Smith on the 2016 National Association of Commissions for Women Conference to be held on O‘ahu next year from July 16 – 21, 2016, and other pertinent updates. (On-going)</u></p> <p>Ms. Smith stated that she does not have anything to report at this time, however, she will be attending the State Commission meeting in O‘ahu on December 2, 2015, and will send in a report in time for the Committee’s meeting in December on the specifics. She shared that the Commission will be discussing CEDA (Convention on Elimination of Discrimination Against Women), which is the UN’s National Convention on Equal Rights. When comparing the Kaua‘i County Code and the City of Honolulu Code, there is a nondiscrimination clause that the Kaua‘i County Code does not have. The City and County of Honolulu recently passed Bill No. 65, a modified version which is a direct text of CEDA that was originally implemented in the City of San Francisco. The intent of the Hawai‘i State Commission is to propose a similar type of ordinance to the Committee at the County level.</p>	

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CSW 2015-09	<p><u>Discussion on responding to acting on State Legislative Bills during the 2016 legislature session. (On-going)</u></p> <p>Ms. Smith stated that she would love to have a report for the Committee following the December meeting.</p> <p>With no further discussion, Vice Chair Beck moved onto the next agenda item.</p>	
CSW 2015-11	<p><u>Discussion on coverage for the YWCA's Women's Pink Expo on Sunday, November 22, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Veteran's Center in Līhu'e.</u></p> <p>Ms. Crowell reported that registration starts at 7 a.m. and the Committee's table needs to be set-up by 8:30 a.m. The Committee will be providing infuse water and giving pamphlets on women's health.</p> <p>Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller announced the name of the members who will be working the CSW's resource table. Vice Chair Beck and Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller both indicated that they will be there but will be working at a separate table, and will be available to help as needed.</p> <p>For informational purposes, Vice Chair Beck noted that it would help to have copies of the CSW meeting agenda to handout to the public. Ms. Yoshii said that she could be there in the morning to help set-up and stay until 11:30 a.m. Ms. Smith said that she could help out from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</p>	

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Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting – December 16, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. at the Mo`ikeha Building, Meeting Room 2A/2B. • The 26th Drug Court Graduation Ceremony will be held on Friday, November 20, 2015, from 12 noon ‘til 3 p.m. at the Fifth Judicial Circuit in Courtroom 6. • Ms. Agarwal’s Empowerment Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2015, at the YWCA Women’s Center 4410 Hardy Street in Lihu’e. • Connie Rowe, student at Kaua‘i Community College, stated that she is here tonight to look for collaboration and hopefully some financial support to help defray some of the cost to bring in a Feminist Poetry Duet (Megan Foley and Olivia Gaitwood) to do a one-hour interactive feminist poetry spoken. Their focus will be on taking back the word “Girl” and like a girl concept. The project is scheduled for March of next year. Ms. Westinhauser stated that for this particular project, it would most likely be in collaboration with the Kaua‘i Violence Prevention Coalition, which she coordinates along with Cheryl Kealipio. The project is set to coincide with the March Women’s History Month. <p>Vice Chair Beck stated that although the Committee cannot fund the project, it will be under discussion at the next meeting on the possibility of being a co-sponsor for the event. Ms. Smith suggested to the ladies that they write a letter of request for funding to the State Commission on the Status of Women and send it in before the December 2nd meeting.</p>	

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	Ms. Ignacio-Nuemiller thanked Erika Valente for coming to the meeting. Ms. Valente is the owner of Kalapakī Joes.	
Adjournment	With no further business to conduct, Vice Chair Beck called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.	At 6:10 p.m. Ms. Ignacio-Neumiller moved to adjourn. Ms. Crowell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6:0.

Submitted by: _____
Mercedes Omo, Staff Support Clerk

Reviewed and Approved by: _____
Virginia Beck, Vice Chair

(x) Approved as circulated on: December 16, 2015.

() Approved as amended. See minutes of _____ meeting.